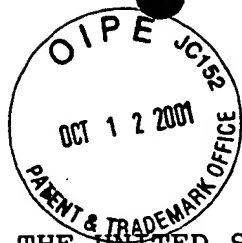


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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under  
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37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed  
to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of  
the listed documents are also enclosed. Each of the documents  
was cited in a European Search Report, dated August 27, 2001  
(copy enclosed) from a counterpart application and may be  
pertinent for the reasons noted therein.

EP 0 776 950 A2 and U.S. Patent No. 5,792,249 are also listed in the Search Report, but were previously cited in the July 11, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement in the present application. Accordingly, they are not cited herein and additional copies are not enclosed.

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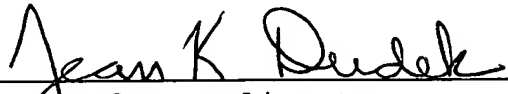
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in  
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